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SUBJECT: PRESIDENTIAL MESSAGE

1. PLEASE DELIVER FOLLOWING MESSAGE FROM PRESIDENT FORD TO
PRESIDENT STEVENS: QUOTE DEAR MR. PRESIDENT: ON BEHALF
OF THE AMERICAN PEOPLE I WISH TO THANK YOU FOR YOUR KIND

MESSAGE OF CONGRATUALTIONS ON OUR ANNIVERSARY OF INDEPEND-
ENCE. PARAGRAPH. I WAS SADDENED TO LEARN OF THE TRAGIC
STORM THAT SWEPT YOUR COUNTRY ON JUNE 21. THE SYMPATHIES
OF THE AMERICAN PEOPLE ARE WITH YOU AND THE PEOPLE OF
SIERRA LEONE AT THIS TIME. I ASSURE YOU THAT THE UNITED
STATES STANDS READY TO HELP IN YOUR HOUR OF NEED, AND I
HAVE ASKED AMBASSADOR SAMUELS TO WORK WITH YOU TO IDENTIFY
WAYS IN WHICH WE CAN BE OF ASSISTANCE. SINCERELY,
GERALD R.FORD UNQUOTE.

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2. REPEATED FYI IS THE TEXT OF PRESIDENT STEVENS' MESSAGE
TO PRESIDENT FORD: QUOTE DEAR MR. PRESIDENT: AS YOU
CELEBRATE THE ONE HUNDRED AND NINETY-NINTH ANNIVERSARY OF
YOUR NATION'S HISTORIC INDEPENDENCE, I TAKE THE OPPORTUNITY
OF EXTENDING TO YOU AND THE GOVERNMENT AND PEOPLE OF THE
UNITED STATES OF AMERICA MY HEARTY CONGRATULATIONS AND
THOSE OF THE GOVERNMENT AND PEOPLE OF SIERRA LEONE AS THE

TORCH OF FREEDOM WHICH YOUR FOREBEARERS LIGHTED CONTINUE
TO GIVE HOPE TO THOSE STILL IN FETTERS OR FORELORN.
HIGHEST CONSIDERATION, SIAKA STEVENS PRESIDENT OF THE
REPUBLIC OF SIERRA LEONE. UNQUOTE

3. THE WHITE HOUSE DOES NOT PLAN TO RELEASE MESSAGE BUT
HAS NO OBJECTIONS IF GOSL INTENDS TO.

4. DECONTROL ON RECEIPT.

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